

REMARKS

In the Examiner's last action, a newly recited patent to Granat was applied in rejecting claims. Applicant has amended the sole independent claim 16 to distinguish over Granat. Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone interview with the Examiner to discuss the following points.

FIG. 4 of Granat shows most clearly that there is a space between flap 234 and shoulder 240.

Thus the flap 234 and shoulder 240 are not forced together and the skirt 214 could not be in tension.

Granat shows a screw on lid and applicants have a snap on lid.

If flap and shoulder were in contact, they would work against the complete screw closing of the lid.

The Granat flange or flap 234 plays no part in the sealing of the container. It is there to retain the tamper evident band in position when the lid is removed.

As indicated in the amended claim 16 set forth above, the following amendments have been made to claim 16.

Paragraph 7, line 5, change "assembled on" is changed to "snap fitted onto".

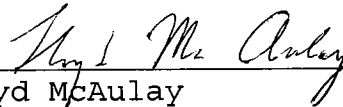
Paragraph 10, line 1, the following clause "between said first end of said flange and said annular web of said lid" is inserted after the word "tension".

Paragraph 7, the following is deleted "said flange positioned with a downwardly facing second end when said lid is not assembled on said receptacle".

An allowance is respectfully requested.

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